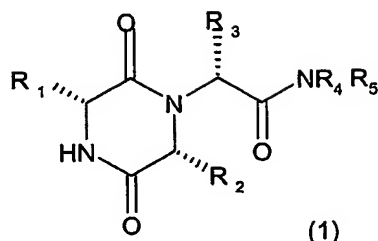


Claims

1. A compound of formula (1)

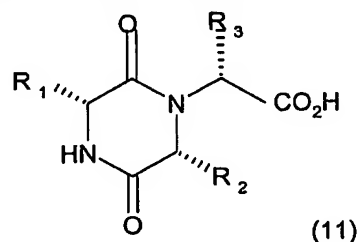


- 5 wherein R_1 is 2-indanyl, R_2 is 1-methylpropyl, R_3 is 2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl and R_4 and R_5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represents morpholino.
2. (3*R*,6*R*)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1*R*)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1*S*)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
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3. (3*R*,6*R*)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1*R*)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1*R*)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
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4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) as claimed in 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.
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5. The use of compound of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for antagonising the effects of oxytocin on the oxytocin receptor.
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6. A method of treating or preventing diseases or conditions mediated through the action of oxytocin which comprises administering to a

mammal in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I)

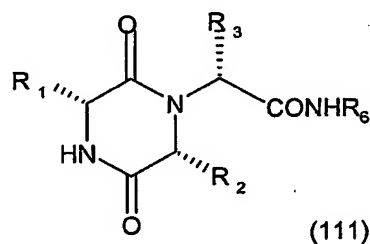
7. A process for A the preparation of compounds of formula (I) which
5 comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



- 10 wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 have the meanings defined in claim 1 or a mixed anhydride thereof, with the amine NHR_4R_5 wherein R_4 and R_5 have the meaning defined in formula (I) under the standard condition for preparing amides from a carboxylic acid or a mixed anhydride thereof and an amine.

(b) reacting a compound of formula (III)



- 15 wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 have the meanings defined in claim 1 and R_6 is 2-hydroxyphenyl with carbonyldiimidazole or thiocarbonyldiimidazole in a suitable solvent and subsequent reaction of the product thus formed with
20 amine NHR_4R_5 wherein R_4 and R_5 have the meaning defined in formula (I).